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Cromer/Kissinger  
October 13, 1973  
4:35 p.m.

K. Hello.

C. Henry, I still haven't heard anything.

K. I talked to Alec and your people won't do it. They have talked to the Egyptians and they say they are violently opposed to it.

C. They won't give any.... Maybe the Egyptians have changed their minds in the delusion that they may win.

K. At any rate I have just talked to the President who is taking it extremely ill. When we look over the crisis of the last three years we just don't seem to be able to get together.

C. Our clients are quite different but our objectives are the same.

K. No right for you to do to us.... We wanted to tell you we are starting an airlift into Israel. There will probably be a confrontation.

C. That was inevitable. I told our people in London that you would have no alternative. It is very disturbing.

K. Especially, since what we asked you to do is what you proposed last week.

C. I think what has changed since then is that the Egyptians obviously got all above themselves.

K. The one consolation one has is whatever the tactical... the West has... we will all go down together, at least we are doing it with the worst possible grace.

C. What will be your posture vis-a-vis when the Arabs start screaming oil at you.

K. Defiance.

C. Just defiance? It is going to be rough won't it?

K. We have no choice.

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C. Well, we tried.

K. You can transmit this to London.

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